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In the Patent Application of)
Hisao HAYASHI et al.)
Serial No. 09/772,986) Group Art Unit: 2811
Filed: January 31, 2001) Ex'r: Thien F. Tran
For: THIN FILM SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, DISPLAY)
DEVICE USING SUCH THIN FILM SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR)

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT IN PAPER NO. 05

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

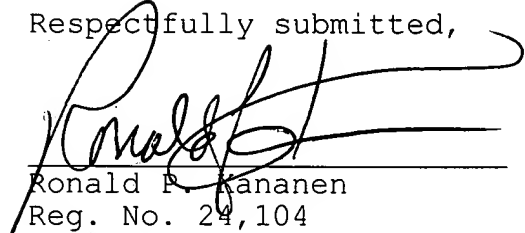
This is in full and timely response to the Official Action of February 20, 2002 (Paper No. 05), requiring an election of invention, for which a month was allotted for reply. The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects with traverse the invention of Group I, having claims 1 to 8, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 59.

Please hold the non-elected claims 9 to 12, drawn to a process for making a semiconductor device, apparently classified in class 438, subclass 22+, in abeyance pending the possibility of filing a divisional application as of right, or rejoinder under MPEP §821.04. To preserve that latter option, this election is respectfully made with traverse. In addition, the Examiner has not shown that a "serious burden" is involved in examining all 12 claims, notwithstanding their being product and process claims respectively.

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Early examination on the merits of the elected invention is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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